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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
EPR-SR  
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Attn: Ms. Bonita Lavelle

Subject: OU3 RI/FS of the Libby Asbestos Site  
Monthly Progress Report – March 2008

Dear Bonnie:

This progress report describes work completed for the month of March 2008, in accordance with Section IX of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study dated September 2007. A discussion of the actions taken, sampling results, planned activities, modifications, problems encountered, potential issues, anticipated delays, and solutions developed is provided below.

## A. ACTIONS TAKEN

The following is a summary of the actions taken and progress made during the month of February.

- Reviewed and prepared comments on the draft *OU3 Phase IIA Sampling and Analysis Plan* (comments were submitted to EPA on March 7, 2008).
- Participated in teleconferences, reviewed, and provided comments on fish toxicity testing approach and protocols.
- MWH visited the OU3 site on March 13, 2008 to evaluate snowmelt conditions and site access.
- Placed orders for nine H-flumes for stream flow measurements in Rainy Creek Basin.

## B. SAMPLING RESULTS

Results for Libby Amphibole analysis for most of the tree bark samples have been received; as of April 10, 2008 no forest floor litter/duff samples have been received.

C. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

The following tasks are scheduled to be performed over the next two months.

- Collect six gallons of water from the Tailings Impoundment on April 3, 2008 for use in mixing study by Parametrix, in preparation for fish toxicity testing.
- Begin weekly collection of Element 2 surface water samples and measurement of stream flows on April 7, 2008.
- Begin rapid-turnaround asbestos analysis of Element 2 surface water samples from stations URC-02, FC Pond, TP and MP on April 7, 2008; prepare to collect 200 L of water from a selected location for use in fish toxicity testing.
- Install H-flumes, automated sampling and gauging equipment and instrumentation as they arrive in Libby; collect weekly flow gauging data for use in selecting and ordering Parshall flumes for permanent installation at stations LRC-2, CC-02 and LRC-06.
- Preparation and mobilization for other Phase IIA field activities.

D. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/POTENTIAL ISSUES/ANTICIPATED  
DELAYS/SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED/IMPLEMENTED

None.

If you have any questions regarding this progress report, please call Bob Marriam at (901) 820-2023.

Sincerely,



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